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## **State Water Board celebrates City of Maywood's groundwater filtration system**

***Board provided funds to remove manganese, iron from drinking water***

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**SACRAMENTO** – Emphasizing that partnerships are critical to providing safe drinking water to all Californians, the State Water Resources Control Board yesterday celebrated the collective effort that helped secure a new water quality improvement project in the disadvantaged South Los Angeles community of Maywood.

The State Water Board provided approximately \$2.7 million for the planning, design and construction of a filtration system that removes iron and manganese from groundwater, eliminating the contaminants from the drinking water supplied to an estimated 7,000 customers in the Maywood Mutual Water Company No. 2 service area.

The Water Replenishment District of Southern California worked with Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon's office, the State Water Board's Office of Sustainable Water Solutions and the Maywood Mutual Water Company No. 2 to secure the board's funding, which was sourced from both Proposition 84 (Rendon AB 240) and Proposition 1.

Board member Nichole Morgan joined Speaker Rendon (D-Lakewood) and the replenishment district board Vice President Sergio Calderon at the 11:30 a.m. ribbon-cutting ceremony at the Maywood Avenue well.

"We are very excited to see how our partnership with the Legislature, Speaker Rendon and the Water Replenishment District is helping to provide safe and affordable drinking water to a large disadvantaged urban area," said Morgan. "This project is an example of the Water Board's commitment to investing in long-term solutions; \$650 million was spent these last two years on providing similar solutions."

The concentration of manganese and iron in drinking water produced from the Maywood Avenue well exceeded the secondary contaminant level, a scenario that can cause an undesirable odor or discoloration. Area residents for years have complained about the water's brown color and foul odor.



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